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In Re Application of:  
Richard A. Elco

Serial No.: 09/976,946

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Examiner: Benny T. Lee

For: WAVEGUIDES AND BACKPLANE SYSTEMS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action Dated May 21, 2002.
- ☐ An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

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- ☐ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as:
- ☐ an Independent Inventor
  - ☐ a Small Business Concern
  - ☐ a Nonprofit Organization
- ☐ This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☐ Loss of Entitlement Enclosed
- ☐ Substitute Pages \_\_\_\_\_ of the Specification are enclosed.
- ☐ An Abstract is enclosed.
- ☒ 1 Sheet of a Proposed Corrected Drawing is enclosed.
- ☐ A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☒ Attached Form 1449.
  - ☒ A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ Appended Material as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other Material as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

**FEE CALCULATION**

☐ No Additional Fee is Due.

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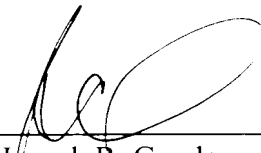
- ☒ A check is enclosed in the foregoing amount due.
- ☒ Petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (fees: 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of **May 21, 2002** to and through **September 21, 2002** comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of **one** month.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or

any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the following fees and to refund any overpayment associated with this communication or during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.
- ☐ The foregoing amount due for filing this paper.
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required, including fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 or 1.20(d).

**SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR** with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

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**DRAWING CHANGE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST**

Authorization is hereby requested to amend FIGURE 10 as shown in red ink on the attached copy of that FIGURE. Upon approval by the Examiner, the indicated change will be made in accordance with current Patent Office Procedures.

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Dear Sir:


**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), certification is hereby made that:

- ☒ Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ No item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information

disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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